

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on February 9, 2011 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. John Esp (R)
Rep. Steve Gibson (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Antoine Brockman, Committee Secretary
Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 159, 2/5/2011; HB 343, 2/5/2011; HB 385, 2/5/2011

HEARING ON HB 159

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:07 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 159, Restrict authority of FWP to regulate ammo or firearms for hunting.

00:02:36 Rep. Roberts entered the room.

00:03:07 Chairman McNutt and Rep. Sesso entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:04:46 Rep. Smith

HEARING ON HB 343

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:12 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 343, Partial zero-based budgeting for state agency budgets.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:06 David Ewer, Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning, OBPP

00:11:39 Vice Chair Hiner entered the room.

00:13:49 Sarah Wilhelm, Montana Budget and Policy Center

00:14:49 Erik Burke, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Informational Testimony:

00:16:14 Amy Carlson, Director, Legislative Fiscal Division, LFD

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:34 Rep. Gibson
00:17:24 Rep. Cook
00:17:30 Rep. Gibson
00:17:41 Rep. Cook
00:17:46 Rep. Gibson
00:17:59 Rep. Cook
00:18:12 Rep. Beck
00:18:41 Rep. Cook
00:19:21 Rep. Beck
00:19:54 Rep. Cook
00:20:30 Rep. Sesso
00:21:59 Mr. Ewer, OBPP
00:24:54 Rep. Sesso
00:25:53 Mr. Ewer, OBPP
00:27:16 Rep. Edmunds
00:28:08 Ms Carlson, LFD
00:29:34 Vice Chair Hiner and Rep. Gibson left the room.
00:29:51 Rep. Edmunds
00:30:00 Ms Carlson, LFD

EXHIBIT(aph32a01)

00:31:39 Rep. Edmunds
00:31:55 Mr. Ewer, OBPP
00:32:52 Rep. Ankney
00:33:22 Rep. Cook
00:34:00 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:34:16 Rep. Hiner entered the room, Rep. Esp left the room.
00:34:55 Rep. McChesney left the room.
00:35:02 Ms Carlson, LFD
00:35:29 Rep. Esp entered the room.
00:35:58 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:36:31 Rep. Cook
00:36:42 Rep. Gibson entered the room.
00:36:58 Rep. Mehloff
00:37:55 Rep. Cook
00:38:00 Rep. McChesney entered the room.
00:38:28 Rep. Cuffe
00:40:13 Mr. Ewer, OBPP
00:41:56 Rep. Cuffe
00:42:26 Mr. Ewer, OBPP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:10 Rep. Cook

HEARING ON HB 385

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:41 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 385, Establish special revenue account for the Board of Accountants.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:03 Rick Reisig, Chairman, Montana Board of Public Accountants, MBPA

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00:50:20 Rep. Mehlhoff left the room.

01:00:34 Holly Franz, MBPA

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:56 Rep. Sesso

01:02:47 Rep. Reinhart

01:04:04 Rep. Hollandsworth

01:04:43 Mr. Reisig, MBPA

01:06:51 Rep. Hollenbaugh left the room.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:07 Rep. Reinhart

01:09:02 Rep. Esp

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:09:15

Antoine Brockman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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